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Title:

Submitting NX002 for SY2009-10 causes ER-21 if not all category sets submitted at SCH Level

Issue Description:

For SY2009-10, ED introduced a new School level disaggregation table for file N/X002 – Children With Disabilities (IDEA) School Age:

Table 1.3–1: Children with Disabilities (IDEA) School Age Tables, Required Categories, and Applicable Totals for School Level

Category Set	Table Name	Racial Ethnic	Sex (Membership)	Disability Category (IDEA)	Age (School Age)	Educational Environment (IDEA) SA	LEP Status (Both)	Total Indicator	Is the category set or subtotal required at the school level
Category Set A	IDEADISAB	X	X	X				N	Yes
Category Set B	IDEADISAB			Z	Z	Z		N	No
Category Set C	IDEADISAB	Z				Z		N	No
Category Set D	IDEADISAB		X	X		X		N	Yes
Category Set E	IDEADISAB		X	X		Z	X	N	Yes
Subtotal 1	IDEADISAB		X					Y	Yes
Subtotal 2	IDEADISAB				Z			Y	No
Subtotal 3	IDEADISAB			X				Y	Yes
Subtotal 4	IDEADISAB	X						Y	Yes
Subtotal 5	IDEADISAB						Z	Y	No
Subtotal 6	IDEADISAB					X		Y	Yes
Subtotal 7	IDEADISAB				Z	Z		Y	No
Total of the EU	IDEADISAB							Y	Yes

The new table introduces to this file the concept that not all Category Sets and Subtotals are required at the School level. This is different than the approach for the LEA and SEA levels of

N/X002. Unfortunately, at this time, ESS cannot be altered to accept different EU levels of a file in different formats. This results in Rule ID# ER-21 firing for states that attempt to submit the School level of the file without the Category Sets and Subtotals that are labeled as not required. ER-21 cannot be disabled because it is a foundational business rule.

Solution:

Because of this, in SY 2009-10, the School level disaggregation table should only be viewed as guide for when to use MISSING, not for leaving Category Sets and Subtotals out altogether. In order to successfully submit N/X002, states will need to include at least one instance of the category sets and subtotals that are listed as optional.

Using Category Set B as an example, states should report MISSING for Disab Category, Age and Educational Environment and then in the count, enter the same number that appears in the total for the education unit. This would indicate that for all the students in the file for this school, states do not know the combination of Disab Category, Age and Educational Environment. Subtotals should reported the same way.

This issue will be eliminated for SY2010-11 via an updated release of ESS.